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For: FASTENER TAPE MATERIAL, BAG UTILIZING FASTENER TAPE
MATERIAL, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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At the outset, the Office appears to have dropped the language "separation of the perforation" from the end of Claim 1 when transcribing from the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed August 29, 2001 (see Exhibit 1). Patentee wishes to restore this language to Claim 1 and further to use the plural form "perforations."

Additionally, lines 11 and 13 of Claim 1 of the issued patent include the word "from" which should have been "form." These errors were introduced in said Examiner's Amendment and transcribed into the issued patent.

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While the patentee respectfully submits that these are Office mistakes under 37 CFR §1.322, the Office is authorized to consider this to be Applicant's mistakes and charge the appropriate fees, or any other required fees, to Deposit Account 50-1145, Order No.: 500769.122030.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT NO. : 6,350,340

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Claim 1, lines 11 and 13, please replace "from" with --form--.

Claim 1, last line, please add --separation of the perforations-- before the final period.

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Exhibit 1

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Authorization

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Levy on 8-22-01.

Amendment

2. The application has been amended as follows: Claims 25-27 have been amended as follows:

25. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag having top and bottom end, opposing front and rear walls, and a flexible interlocking fastener assembly where said assembly comprises a complementary engaging portion and a flexible interlocking portion, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) sealing the engaging portion, having the flexible-interlocking-portion engaged, to a lip and sealing the flexible interlocking portion to a lip,
 - (b) sealing the engaging-portion-lip to a continuous web upstream from a forming and filling nozzle cylinder of a from, fill, and seal machine where the web comprises two parallel sides,
 - (c) sealing the sides of the web together to form the front and back walls,
 - (d) forming the bottom end by sealing completely across the front and back walls,
 - (e) forming the top end by sealing completely across the front and back where the flexible-interlocking-portion-lip is sealed to the top end of the front wall, and
 - (f) forming perforations in the front wall intermediate the engaging portion and the flexible-interlocking-portion-lip sealed to the top end of the front wall whereby said fastener assembly blocks any opening of the perforations and whereby a fail-safe reclosable bag barrier is formed reducing the risk of contamination or release of contents within or from an interior storage volume of the bag by inadvertent separation of the perforation.

[A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag having top and bottom ends and opposing front and rear walls and a flexible interlocking fastener assembly, said method comprising the steps of: sealing said fastener assembly to one or more lips; sealing one of said lips to one of said walls; said fastener assembly comprising an engaging portion and a flexible interlocking fastener assembly releasably connected to a complementary engaging portion, said complementary engaging portion sealed to said front wall only as a

result of a sealing operation upstream from a forming and filling nozzle cylinder of a form, fill and seal machine; sealing and end of said front wall to said flexible interlocking fastener lip, and to said back wall, and form a perforation on said front wall intermediate said complementary engaging portion and said end sealed to said flexible interlocking fastener lip, whereby when said flexible interlocking fastener assembly is engaged to said complementary engaging portion, said fastener assembly blocks any opening of said perforation whereby a fail-safe reclosable bag barrier is formed reducing the risk of contamination or release of contents within or from an interior storage volume of said bag by inadvertent separation of one portion of said front wall from another portion of said front wall.]

26. (Amended) The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of releasably engaging the engaging portion to the flexible interlocking portion before sealing to the lips.

[The method of Claim 25 further comprising the step of releasably interconnecting said complementary engaging portion to said engaging portion upstream from a forming and filling nozzle cylinder of a form, fill and seal machine.]

27. (Amended) The method of claim 25 further including sealing a plurality of the assemblies to the web at bag interval lengths apart.

[The method of Claim 25 further comprising the step of securing predetermined sections of said flexible interlocking fastener assembly having said lips to a continuous elongated sheet of web material which forms said front and rear walls at bag length intervals along said continuous elongated sheet.]

Claim Numbering

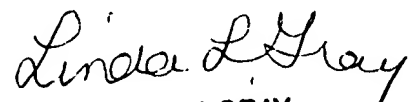
3. When an application is ready for allowance, the Examiner, if necessary, will renumber the claims consecutively in the order in which they appear or in such order as may have been requested by Applicants. Misnumbered claims 25-29 have been renumbered as claims 1-5, respectively.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Linda L. Gray at (703) 308-1093, M-F, 6:30 am to 4:00 pm. The fax number is (703) 305-7718.

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August 23, 2001


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